flight reached Delhi at 0530 hours on 26.6.92.

(c) The incident is under investigation by the permanent Investigation Board of Indian Airlines and action, if found necessary, will be taken on the basis of the investigation report.

Merger of International Airport Authority with National Airport Authority

467. DR. ABRAR AHMED:
SHRI SURESH KALMADI:

Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government propose to merge International Airport Authority with the National Airport Authority;

(b) if so, what are the reasons therefore; and

(c) what is the way in which the merger will facilitate the smooth working of the Airports Authority?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA): (a) to (c) The proposal is under consideration.

Helicopter Services to North-Eastern Region

468. MISS SAROJ KHAPARDE: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have finalised a scheme to start helicopter services linking up North-Eastern Areas with important centres;

(b) if so, what are the details in this regard; and

(c) by when the scheme is likely to become operational?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA): (a) to (c) A proposal for introduction of helicopter services in the North Eastern region is under formulation.

Air link with Israel and South Africa

469. SHRI P. UPENDRA:
SHRI JAGDISH PRASAD MATHUR:

Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether plans for new links with Israel and South Africa have been finalised in the fields of air travel and tourism;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) by when these plans are likely to be implemented?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA): (a) to (c) No plans have been finalised for airlinking India and South Africa as yet.

With regard to Israel, it has been agreed by the two Governments to permit the designated airline to operate upto 2 frequencies with not more than 500 seats per week in each direction between the two countries. However, neither Air India nor EL AL (Israeli Airline) propose to introduce services on this route at present.

Use of Bangalore as a Transit Station

470. SHRI H. HANUMANTHAPPA: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Bangalore has been made a transit station with no flights originating;

(b) whether it is also a fact that several flights originating from Madras are routed through Bangalore because later is capable of generating traffic; and

(c) if so, what are the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Flights originating from Madras are routed through Bangalore not only because Bangalore is capable of generating traffic but also to ensure optimum utilisation of aircraft capacity and convenient connections to various destinations.

(c) As on 7.7.1992 a total of 10 flights (34 services per week) originating from Madras are routed through Bangalore.

Encroachment of land around Bombay Airport

471. DR. SUBRAMANIAN SWAMY: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to refer to the answer to the Unstarred Question 2211 given to the Rajya Sabha on the 27th August, 1990 and state:

(a) whether it is still a fact that there is an encroachment of the land belonging to the International Airport Authority towards Kurla side, near I.B.S. Marg;

(b) if so, what is the total area of the I.A.A.I. land that has been encroached; and

(c) what steps have been taken to review such encroachment and to ensure that there is no fresh encroachment on I.A.A.I. land in Bombay?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA): (a) and (b) There is an encroachmtnt of approximately 17,150 Sq. mts. on the land belonging to IAAI towards Kurla side near LBS Marg.

(c) Administrative and legal actions have been initiated to remove encroachments on IAAI land. To prevent fresh encroachments vacant pockets of land have been fenced and security guards posted.

दिल्ली से इंडियन एयरलाइन्स की नियमित सेवायें

472. **श्री शिव प्रसाद चनपुरिया** : **नागर विमानन और पर्यटन** मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) दस लाख से अधिक जनसंख्या वाले किन-किन नगरों के लिए दिल्ली से इंडियन एयरलाइंस की नियमित उड़ानें हैं ;

(ख) दस लाख से कम आबादी वाले किन-किन नगरों के लिए दिल्ली से इंडियन एयरलाइंस की नियमित उड़ानें हैं ;

(ग) क्या सरकार राष्ट्रीय हित में दस लाख की जनसंख्या वाले प्रत्येक नगर के लिए दिल्ली से इंडियन एयरलाइंस की नियमित उड़ानें आरम्भ करने का विचार विचार रखती है ; और

(घ) यदि हां, तो इन उड़ानों के कब तक आरम्भ किए जाने की सभावना है ?

नागर विमानन और पर्यटन मंत्री (श्री माधवराव सिंधिया) : (क) और (ख) उन नगरों के नाम जिनके लिये दिल्ली से इंडियन एयरलाइंस की नियमित उडानें उपलब्ध हैं, विवरण में दर्शाये गए है **(नीचे देखिये)**

(ग) जी, नहीं । उड़ानों का परिचालन समुचित आधारभूत सुविधाओं की उपलब्धता, यातायात सभावना तथा उपयुक्त परिचालनात्मक विमानों की उपलब्धता पर निर्भर करता है ।

(घ) प्रश्न नहीं उठता ।

विवरण

उन नगरों के नाम जो इंडियन एयरलाइंस की नियमत सेवाओं द्वारा दिल्ली से जुड़े हुए हैं

1. अगरतला
2. आगरा
3. अहमदाबाद